

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager  
SUBJECT: Friday Update  
DATE: October 4, 2019

**Emergency Preparedness**

National Preparedness month has ended and so has the City of Cottage Grove’s Emergency Preparedness Month contest. Congratulations to all the members of the community that participated in the preparedness tasks. They are just a little more prepared for the emergencies that may come along. The drawings for prizes were held yesterday and congratulations to those who won in the drawings. The following were selected:

Task 1 & 3 - Emergency Meal Kits:

Dawn Clark	Bob Ehler
Glenda Koyama	Terry Ledford
Jennifer Neil	Tracy Miller
Gina Stockton	Duane Taddei

Task 2 – Luci Light & Solar/Hand Crank/Battery Radio

Sue Bottorff	Dawn Clark
Linzy Jones	Travis Palmer
Duane Taddei	

Task 3 – Family LifeStraw Water Filter/Purifier

Christopher Carlson	Dawn Clark
Bob Ehler	Linzy Jones
Duane Taddei	

We also had some bonus prizes donated by Emerald People’s Utility District and Pacific Power. The bonus prizes winners were drawn from from all participants with the following winners: a Pacific Power Battery Phone Charger to Shana Taylor and an EPUD First Aid Kit to Linzy Jones.

The grand prize winner who took home the generator was Tracy Miller.

Congratulations to everyone, all 41 members of the community that participated in the contests. It looks like we will be considering doing a contest again next year, but don’t wait for next year. Get prepared now.

**Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council 2019**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be holding their 2019 Kickoff YAC meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at City Hall. Youth that are interested in the Cottage

Grove YAC or even parents are invited to attend and learn more about the YAC and get signed up for a fun year of activity with the longest running and only Youth Advisory Council in Lane County. The Mayor and Councilors are also invited to attend and welcome the new and returning YAC members.

### **Oregon League of Cities Conference**

Mayor Jeff Gowing, Councilors Boone, Ervin and Fleck and the City Manager attended the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Bend last weekend. The Conference brought together representatives from most of Oregon's 241 (or 242 depending on the court case up north) cities. Sessions at the conference discussed the results of the 2019 Legislative Session, homeless issues, housing needs and other topics that brought specific examples and ideas from local government leaders from around the state. The conference also brought special recognition to Cottage Grove as our own Council President, Jake Boone was recognized as the in-coming 2020 League of Oregon Cities President.

### **Yard of the Week Season**

The 2019 Yard of the Week season ended last week. Twenty-one residents of the community were recognized and rewarded for their efforts to beautify the community. Thank you to the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Cottage Grove Sentinel for their support of this great program. The yards recognized this year and each season since 2016 can be seen on the City's Yard of the Week website. Congratulations to all the winners and we look forward to another great season of Yard of the Week the first full week of May, 2020.

### **Mayor's Ball**

Just in case you haven't heard, on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Mayor Jeff Gowing will be holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Ball. This gala event is a major fundraising opportunity for the Cottage Grove Armory. Last year's proceeds helped provide matching funds for many of the improvements that can be seen on the building. Hopefully this year's event will be even more exciting and beneficial to the building. The event will get started at 5:30pm and feature a keynote address from MJ Hegar author of the book, "Shoot Like a Girl" and recipient of both the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor and music by Blue Skies Big Band and the Jewel Tones. Remaining space is very limited so visit: [cottagegrove.ejoinme.org/mayorsball2019](http://cottagegrove.ejoinme.org/mayorsball2019) or call (541)942-2441 to get tickets right away.

### **September 2019 Building Inspection Services Report**

For the month of September the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 52 permits and performed 167 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell, 27 permits were issued and 50 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 21 permits were issued, two new homes and performed 51 inspections. Staff reviewed and approved 28 plan sets in September and an additional 12 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

### **Veterans Housing Open House**

On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the American Legion located at 826 W. Main Street, Homes for Good Housing Agency will be hosting an open house to share information on the four homes for veterans they plan on constructing this next year at the corner of Ash and I Streets. Homes for Good purchased the property from the American Legion and secured a grant from Lane County to help with construction of the new homes. Homes for Good has partnered

with the University of Oregon's OregonBILDS program where students design and assist in constructing the homes. Please come to the open house, learn about the project and share comments on the proposed homes.

### **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

On Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the South Lane School District hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly remodeled Warren Daugherty Aquatic Center. The ceremony celebrated the completion of a new 25 yard 8 lane competition swim pool, a heated therapy, new lobby and restrooms, and a new heating and cooling system. Mayor Gowing and several City Councilors attended the event. The Mayor shared comments recognizing the great achievement and the importance of the pool to the community. YAC Co-chair MJ Raade also spoke about her experiences at the pool.

### **Community Center Art Gallery**

Stop by and enjoy the new art display by Artist Margo Harper at the Community Center, Art Gallery. Margo is a gifted photographer, acrylic artist, who has recently started working in fluid art. This beautiful art display will be up through November.

### **Cottage Grove Library Events and Happenings**

**Hispanic Heritage Month** - Stop by soon to see a display of books and materials related to Hispanic Heritage and contemporary Latinx culture.

**Anime Club for Teens** - Friday's from 4:00 to 5:30 pm beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun drop-in Anime Club so bring your ideas and enthusiasm and join in the fun.

**Teen Game Nights** Tuesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for fun and games in our "Teen Area."

**Teen Art Wall** - Stop by to see the new art bulletin boards in our Teen Area. This gives us some cool new space to display Teen art work in our Library.

**Genealogical Society Display** – Come see an inspiring display by the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society that focuses on the history of many of our local pioneer families. This display is a part of our "Partners in History" program that brings local museums and historic groups displays into the Library throughout each year. Thank you Genealogical Society for another awesome and inspiring display.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."  
~Walt Disney~*